this sale.

TOPICS IN CALIFORNIA.

CIDENTS-EARLY GRAPES.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] san Francisco, July 21.—The railroad blockade in California has been effectually broken this week, the strikers still maintain their position, thus requiring regulars and militia at all the entres to protect non-union men from vioraffroad managers, as the latter cannot seenough competent men to run their trains. they attack firemen and conductors wherever eards are withdrawn and on several occasions have ditched trains by using dynamite or ampering with the track. The result is that only those who are forced by necessity travel on ears, and many overland passengers go north seattle or Victoria by steamer and then take mes which have had no trouble with emlares. This fear is childish, as no accidents whappened to any overland trains and the mpany is taking unusual precautions to guard gainst them; but it simply shows how general is the alarm caused by the lawlessness of rinters. over in Oakland Mayor Pardee, who was elected on an anti-railread ticket, has come out squarely dust the strikers and so incensed them that they have hanged him in effigy. Pard e represents conservative, law-abiding element, which sees the continuance of this foolish strike only loss to the State and danger to the community. There s no good reason why the strikers should not yield at once, except that the leaders hope to get etter terms. The railroad company insists on ill men who are taken back signing a contract souncing allegiance to the American Railway Union, and it is the endeavor to have this with-

The Southern Pacific Company is making an effort to convict the accused train-wreckers, convincing against S. D. Worden, a loudothed agitator, who took dynamite to the track shortly before the train was ditched. Worden comes of a good New-York family, of inconvenience Fayetteville, and his father was Mayor of Syrae and a State Senator. His uncle, General Thayer, founded Thayer College at South Brain-

require several weeks to get the side tracks red. The first preference is given to fruit other perishable commodities. It is the good and other perishable commodities. It is the good fortune of fruit-growers that the season was late so that much of the choicest fruit, like peaches and Bartlett pears, did not ripen until a fortnight after the usual time. Hence the loss is not so heavy as at first estimated, though it is still the peaches and the state severely. e enough to injure the State severely.

The first shipment of early grapes to Chicago was made this week from Palm Springs, a little valley on the edge of the Colorado desert, only forty miles from the site of the Salton Sea that excited so much interest a few years ago. The grapes were Lady de Coverieys, a small, seedless variety that is very sweet and refreshing. Had it not been for the railroad blockade they would have been shipped two weeks ago.

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The local postoffice handled this week the largest accumulation of delayed mail ever seen on this coast. Letters and papers for fourteen days were dumped on the office within three days First came a huge batch of four days' delayed mail by steamer from Seattle. Then two layed mail by steamer from Seattle. Then two layed mail by steamer from Seattle. Then two stands after came twenty-one cars of mail, representing the accumulation of eight days on the senting the accumulation of the Suburban end to West Farms received an unexpected reception from Coionel Hain. Although no definite promise as to the time when showed ability at some of the public displays of that institute.

The programme for the Madison Square Roof Garden for the coming week is undoubtedly one of the best vaudeville entertainments offered to the New-York public. In consequence of the great success of Miss Bessie Bonehill, her engagement has

The disappearance of William R. Melville, the collection clerk of the Bank of California, and the discovery that he was a defaulter for many thousands created a sensation here, as Mr. Melville was one of the best known young men about town. Melville was a protégé of the old cashier, Thomas Brown. He had cultivated the tastes of a millionaire on a salary of \$175 a month, and naturally the bank suffered. He was so thoroughly trusted that the bank required no suredes. What it will lose is unknown. The bank officials say \$2,500, but others declare it will be far more.

week Naphtaly. Friedenrich & Ackerman, who week Naphtaly. Friedenrich & Ackerman, who served four years for the public administrator, and in that time were allowed \$10,000, went before Judge Levy and secured \$80,000.

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OPERAS AND ROOF GARDENS

THE RAILROAD BLOCKADE-STRIKE IN- PROGRAMMES FOR THE PRESENT WEEK-WHAT ACTORS AND ACTRESSES . ARE DOING.

Resembach undertook to give English grand opera, leaves the Fifth Avenue the only theatre along Broadway entirely devoted to music. The causes and nature of the dispute between Mr. Comstock, the The strikers claim that they can wear out have been published fully in The Tribune. The public failed to show sufficient appreciation of the were therefore insufficient to pay Mr. Comstock

listen to the lovely music of this ever-charming and delightful opera. The Duff Opera Company is | Negotiations | Carl and The an excellent one, and the singing and acting of the individual members are worthy of high praise. The house is cool and is one of the pleasantest places in the city to spend an evening. The dancing of the Japanese girls is an interesting novelty. It should not be forgotten that they serve Japanese tea in dainty cups between the acts, in the pagodalike room on the Twenty-eighth-st, side of the

Proctor's continues to remain one of the most popular places. The living pictures are drawing C great crowds to the theatre. withdrawn this week, giving place to new subjects. As the Wilbur Opera Company is to go on a tour its final offerings this week will be two of its popular selections. "The Merry War" will be given during the first half of the week. For the next three nights "The Mascot" will be given. The Robinson, eccentric performer: Dave Genaro, come-Maurier, illusionist; "Tot" Young, banjo, and Edward O'Connell, humorist. Hereafter Proctor's bill IN THE NORTHERN WARDS, train, and it is truggle in California. will be made up exclusively of vaudeville and living pletures, with an occasional operetta that will not be over half an hour in length.

There is no new story to tell regarding the crowds whose examination is now being held at Wood- at the roof gardens and outdoor places of amuse land near Sacramento. The evidence thus far ment. Every night the seats are taken and scores of pleasure-seekers are obliged to stand. But the A HEARING ON SUBURBAN ELEVATED ROAD programmes are so good and the refreshments so excellent that they are content to suffer this little

week will include the reappearance of the De Fo-reests, grotesque and character dancers; Anna Ca'dcomedienne; Bunth and Rudd, eccentric pertree Mass. Worden spent two years at Union formers; the marvellous "King of the Wire," Caicedo, in new features; Marlo and Dunham, Preignt is being moved as rapidly as possible, but the accumulation was so enormous that it equilibrist, who has many admirers. Hacker and Lester, in an acrobatic bicycle act; Troja, a serio-comic of that part of the Twepty-third Ward have fresinger; the Three Sisters Ethardo, in a musical as quently made complaint to the Board of Health well as acrobatic act; Raffanella, a unique mid-air illusion, and Oscar Hammerstein's original living pictures, which are without a doubt the best drawing card the house has had since the opening. On and tenement-houses to the land at the north end night's Sunday concert, will be heard Theodore Hoch, cornet virtuoso; Louise Royce, soprano; Marie Gina, character songs; Josephine Sabel, "chanteuse internationale," and the Kossuth Hun-

Among the recent "discoveries" in dramatic talent is Miss Sarah Truax, of Chicago, whom Otis | canal may then be authorized. Skinner has engaged for next season, and who will play Lady Castlemaine in "His Grace De Gram- to urge the extension of the Suburban elevated lines mont." Mr. Skinner is confident that Miss Truax to West Farms received an unexpectedly favorable will prove one of the attractions of his company. | reception from Colonel Hain. Although he made For several years she has been an instructor in no definite promise as to the time when the work Delsarte at the Chicago Conservatory, where she would be begun, he intimated the rational officials showed ability at some of the public displays of only awaited the consent of the property-owners

of the best vaudeville entertainments offered to the A detailed report of the work of the Relief As-New-York public. In consequence of the great success of Miss Bessie Bonehili, her engagement has been extended two weeks, and to-morrow evening pended operations about the 1st of May. It had she will sing for the first time in years "Play-mates," the song in which she made her first suc-was received, and relief was extended to over 1.00 and imitations of the Paristan "cancan" quadtroupe appear in a new and characteristic Spanish ing. 13,035 pounds of sugar, 12,765 quarter pounds of sketch. In addition to these there will be Caron tea, 11.98 pounds of rice, and 10.00 pounds of and Herbert, acrobatic clowns; the Deltorelli The big \$4.000,000 Biythe estate is being bled glentifically by the lawyers. The contest in the Probate Court has been heard by Judge Coffey, and Ritchfield, in Irish reels and dances, Fannie Leslie, "the queen of contortionists"; Annie Law-tawaghter. Coffey has established a record for honest and economical dealing with estates, and lawyers who are after big fees fear him. So this week Naphtaly, Friedenrich & Ackerman, who

downtown theatre will have been entirely remodelied. The interior has received much attention from the hands of artists and painters, while the stage has been entirely reconstructed. The theatre will be opened on August 27 with Garrick and Coller's melodrama, "The Crossroads of Life."

M. B. Curtis has partially rewritten "Sam', of Posen," and introduced two new tharacters. The play is to be given next senson with the strongest cast that it has ever had and with entirely new and coatly scenery, which is now being painted by a wel-known arist. Mr. Curtis has arranged to begin his tour on August 29 at the new West Opera House in St. Pau. His next engagement in this city will be played at a Broadway theatre.

List Thesday Manager Augustus Pitou signed a contract with T. Henry French by which he is to produce at the Broadway Theatre, on January Heatt, Sardon's successful play, "Madame Sans Géne." The piece is now being presented in several of the large European cities and has recently created a sensation in London, where it is being given with Mme. Réjane, the French actress, in the leading part. In the American production, Manager Pitou will duplicate the scenery, costumes and furniture used at the Vauleville Theatre in Paris, where the play had its first presentation and had a long run.

years ago.

Joseph Hart, of Hallen and Hart, camedians, and Carline De Mar, of his company, will be married at Mr. Hart's home in Lexington-ave, on the afternoon of August I. They will spend the summer at Newport and Bar Harbor.

To decide a little wager with "Nate" Salsbury, growing out of a friendly controversy, Walter Jones, the tramp of "1492," will visit the Wild West to morrow afternoon and ride the bucking broncho, Bucephalus. Mr. Jones formerly rode bareback in John Robinson's circus.

When Rice's "132" is revived at the Garden Theatre on August 25 the cast will be unchanged, but the specialities and Kilanyi living pictures will be new.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO PEOPLE LIV-ING ABOVE THE HARLEM.

EXTENSION-THE MOTT HAVEN CANAL

office of Commissioner Haffen to listen to arguments as to the filling up of the Mott Haven Canal others, but in its present condition has been so

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Narragansett Pier, R. 1. July people to this weak has driven city people to this weak has driven city people to this fair resort in great numbers, and the hotels to-night are in some cases filled, and on the whole better filled than usual on the 1st of August. The Rockingham was filled early in the week, and Clark's Annex is being used for the overflow. This clark's Annex is being used for the overflow. This

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